

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE UTILITY REGULATORY COMMISSION

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In the Matter of

MRS. BEULAH BEAM, MRS. JUANITA SMITH)	
AND OTHER BULLITT COUNTY CONSUMERS)	
VS.)	
SOUTH CENTRAL BELL TELEPHONE COMPANY)	
534 ARMORY PLACE)	
LOUISVILLE, KENTUCKY 40202)	CASE NO. 6882
AND)	
ECHO TELEPHONE COMPANY)	
1009 BUCKMAN STREET)	
SHEPHERDSVILLE, KENTUCKY)	

O R D E R

Pursuant to the Commission's Order of October 31, 1980, in this matter, petitioners filed information on December 2, 1980. In their filing, petitioners waived the right to direct testimony and cross-examination of the cost studies to the extent that the cost study results would be used in the survey process. Additionally, petitioners submitted their proposed cover letter and survey form, and asked for a separation of the Bullitt county-Louisville EAS question as opposed to the intra-Bullitt county EAS question.

By letter received December 19, 1980, South Central Bell responded stating, among other things, that "...The petitioners are obviously not in agreement with the Bell survey letter. Similarly, the wording of the petitioners' letter is unacceptable to Bell. More importantly, however, the petitioners' request is also unworkable since two separate surveys are not possible under the structure of the existing cost studies." Bell also filed a motion, received December 19, 1980, requesting the Commission to order an informal staff conference to resolve these issues.

The Commission, after considering this matter, and being advised, is of the opinion and FINDS that:

1) Although the final form of the survey will be decided by the Commission, there is obviously disagreement among the parties-of-interest as to these items. Disagreement also exists concerning

the concept of two separate surveys, as proposed by petitioners on December 2, 1980.

2) A public hearing should be held in this matter in order to allow all parties to present testimony relative to the items enumerated in Finding No. 1.

3) Bell's motion for an informal staff conference concerning these items should be dismissed, since the decision on these matters must be made by the Commission based on the public record in the matter.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that a public hearing be and it hereby is set for February 19, 1981, at 1:30 p.m., Eastern Standard Time in the Commission's offices at Frankfort, Kentucky, for the purpose of receiving testimony relative to the form-of-survey, the letter of explanation, and the method by which the survey will be conducted in this matter.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that South Central Bell's motion for an informal staff conference in this matter be and it hereby is dismissed.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky this 30th day of January, 1981.

By the Commission

ATTEST:

Secretary